

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The arguments presented in the amendment filed 8/12/2009 are persuasive. In particular, the argument that the prior art does not show "each data portion including one of unencrypted data and command packets for said communications module; said host network processor also encapsulating the command packets for said communications module in the data portions of said cryptographic processor command packets; said cryptographic processor determining if a given cryptographic processor command packet includes the encapsulated command packet and based thereon stripping the address portion from the cryptographic processor command packet and passing the encapsulated communications module command packet to said communications module without performing cryptographic processing thereon; said cryptographic processor determining if another given cryptographic processor command packet includes the unencrypted data packet and encrypting the unencrypted data packet and passing the encrypted data .packet to said communications module" along with the other limitations of the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Devin Almeida whose telephone number is 571-270-1018. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays from 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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